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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: RUCH

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| JOACHIM RUCH et al. |) | Examiner: Sorkin, David L. |
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| For: COMB ELEMENT WITH A SURFACE STRUCTURE SET BACK FROM THE INVOLUTE SURFACE |) | Confirmation No.: 1205 |

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION dated May 26, 2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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This communication is in response to the Official Action of May 26, 2006, having a shortened period for response terminating August 28, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: